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Executive Office of the President
PRESIDENT'S ADVISORY COMMITTEE ON GOVERNMENT ORGANIZATION
Washington, D.C.

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Mr. C. D. Jackson
Special Assistant to the President
The White House

Dear C. D.:

As you know, the President's Advisory Committee on Government Organization has been considering various proposals for establishing a new foreign information agency which would consolidate foreign information programs and cultural and educational exchange programs now carried on by the Department of State and the Mutual Security Agency. At the present time the proposal being given most serious consideration proposes the merger of these functions in a new agency outside of the State Department whose director would be appointed by the President. The new agency head would have full administrative responsibility for its operation, including the development of programs, budget, administrative procedures, etc.

One of the complex problems confronting us is the relationship, if any, this proposed independent agency should have to the National Security Council or to the Psychological Strategy Board. Our understanding is that the Central Intelligence Agency is responsible to the NSC but that its programs are cleared with the Strategy Board. This opens the way for a consideration of a similar relationship between the proposed new agency and these Boards. Another possible line of authority would be for this new agency to report to the Psychological Strategy Board. One suggestion of a possible relationship is reflected in the attached language. The reaction of members of the Strategy Board to these proposals would be helpful to the President's Committee and welcomed by it at your earliest convenience.

Sincerely,

/s/ Nelson

Nelson A. Rockefeller
Chairman

Enclosure